



TOWN OF NATICK

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Martha L. White
Town Administrator

May 10, 2011

Via electronic mail <http://www.stb.dot.gov>

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 670X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing on behalf of The Town of Natick, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request a 180-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding. Pursuant to the October 25, 2006 initial decision of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), and subsequent extensions, the negotiating period has been extended until May 2, 2011. CSXT and the Town of Natick acknowledge that this filing is tardy, however, both parties wish to continue our negotiations.

The Town made an offer to purchase in December 2010. Subsequently, CSXT rejected that offer but did not make a counter-offer. We hope to meet with them soon to determine if a purchase price can be agreed upon.

Accordingly, the Town respectfully requests an additional 180 day extension of the Negotiating Deadline. CSXT concurs with this request and will file a separate letter once the Town's filing has been received by the STB.

In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1). Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Martha White
Martha White,
Town Administrator

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cc: Parties of Record

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